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The Honorable Cyrus Vance
Secretary of State
The State Department
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. ^{Cy} Secretary:

In light of the recent fact-finding mission of the Inter-American Human Rights Commission concerning the human rights situation in Argentina, I would be most interested in learning as much as possible about the current United States perspective in this matter.

While there have been reports that the Argentinian government has been gradually reforming its practices, I understand that thousands of individuals are still "missing," and unaccounted for officially.

I would like to know what alternatives currently exist in regard to American policy towards Argentina and what actions are being planned as a response to the continued violations of human rights in that country.

I have been, and continue to be, interested in these questions. In addition, Mr. N.L. Smokler, on behalf of the Latin American Bar Activities Section of the Michigan State Bar, of which I am a member, has been deeply involved in activities and research on human rights in Argentina. He has recently written to Assistant Secretary of State Eaton. I would be interested in learning of Mr. Eaton's response to Mr. Smokler.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Carl

Carl Levin

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Enclosure

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS

Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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